(b) what are the names of drugs and formulations involved of each company and by when the final liability in each case would be assesed?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) and (b) To the extent information is available a statement giving the details is attached. Final liabilities against both these companies are in the process of being assessed.

Statement

SI. No.	Name of the Company	Name of the drug/formulation involved
1	I. D. P. L.	1. Refampicin 2. Metronidazole 3. Vit. B2 4. Hydroxy Lamine Sulphate 5. Vitl. Bl HCL V. Bl Mono 6. Tetracycline 7. Sulphadimiaine
2	H. A. L	1. Refampicin

Fixation of prices and finished medicines

651. SHRI H. HANUMAN-THAPPA:

CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased tostate:

(a) whether it is a fact that notified prices are being used for fixation of prices of finished medicines without verifying and seeing the actual cost of bulk drugs and excipients;

(b) whether it is a fact that such a practice has given rise to disproportionate increase in the prices of finished medicines;

(c) if so, what is the justification for such a practice;

(d) whether it is a fact thai formu-latprp Of Metra nldazole, Sulphame-thaxazole, Ampicillin and certain other drugs gained crores of rupees on this account; and

(e) what steps have been taken to put a stop to this practice and to fix responsibility for the past action?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) to (e) Earlier the prices of formuations were fixed on the basis of notified price of the bulk drug in accordance with the policy followed them. However, it has now been deided to fix the prices of formulations on the basis of the purchase price or the notified price, whichever is lower. The prices of excipients are regulated as per fixed norms.

Availability of Chloramphenicol and Paracetamol at fair prices

652. SHRI H HANUMAN-THAPPA:
CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that besides scarcity Chloramphenicol and